

February 20, 2023

Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

I am **OPPOSED to HB No. 5653** (LCO No. 2209) AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS.

- HB-5653 is illogical as it seeks to punish law-abiding gun owning citizens for the actions of criminals.
- HB-5653 is illogical because criminals cannot buy ammunition in Connecticut without a Connecticut issued permit to do so. No permit, no ammo.
- HB-5653 will make it financially harder for people already struggling in our high cost of living State to own and train properly.
- Gun owners already pay tax on ammunition purchases via the Pittman-Roberts Act Tax on top of Connecticut Sales Tax!
- I oppose HB-5653 as it is yet just another anti-gun scheme to inflict financial damage on law-abiding gun owners.
- What is most disturbing though is how blatantly Racist HB-5653 is. Law-abiding, gun owning people of color tend to be on the lower end of the income spectrum, and this will effect them most of all!

I urge you to **OPPOSE** HB No. 5653.

Sincerely,
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